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SUBJ: CYPRUS DEBATE IN 31ST GA

1. SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE (SPC) CONVENED BRIEFLY NOVEMBER 9 TO HEAR 20 MINUTE STATEMENT BY TASSOS PAPADOPOULOS SPEAKING FOR THE GREEK CYPRIOT COMMUNITY. THERE WERE NO OTHER STATEMENTS. PAPADOPOULOS EXPRESSED "DISAPPOINTMENT" THAT TURK CYPRIOTS WERE NOT PRESENT SINCE THE MEETING HAD BEEN ARRANGED EXPRESSLY FOR THEM. HE SPECULATED THAT BY THEIR ABSENCE THE TURK CYPRIOTS MAY HAVE HOPED TO STRENGTHEN THEIR CASE FOR ADDRESSING THE PLENARY, AND SAID THEY COULD NOT ARGUE THEY WERE NOT GIVEN FAIR HEARING IF THEY DID NOT MAKE USE OF OPPORTUNITY TO APPEAR IN SPC.

2. PAPADOPOULOS REVIEWED STANDARD COMPLAINTS AGAINST TURKISH SIDE FOR NON-IMPLEMENTATION OF PAST UN RESOLUTIONS ON CYPRUS, ESPECIALLY CONCERNING GREEK-CYPRIOT REFUGEES. HE REFERRED TO HIS PROPOSAL OF LAST YEAR FOR CREATION OF A MIXED COMMITTEE TO INVESTIAGE PROBLEM OF MISSING PERSONS WHOM HE SAID NUMBERED 2,000. PAPADOPOULOS NOTED UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF RED CROSS (ICRC)

HAD "FOUND SOME MERIT" IN THIS IDEA AND EXPRESSED HOPE
IT WOULD NOW BE TAKEN UP BY THE OTHER SIDE. HE
PLEDGED THAT GREEKS WOULD NOT TRY TO EXPLOIT SUCH A
MIXED COMMITTEE FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES OR SEEK RETRIBUTION.

3. HEART OF PAPADOPOULOS REMARKS WAS COMPLAINT THAT
TURKISH SIDE HAD SO FAR REFUSED TO PRESENT ANY PROPOSALS
ON TERRITORIAL QUESTION. HE SAID GREEK SIDE WANTED
"MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATIONS", NOT A "TRAVESTY" SUCH AS HAD
BEEN THE CASE IN THE PAST.
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